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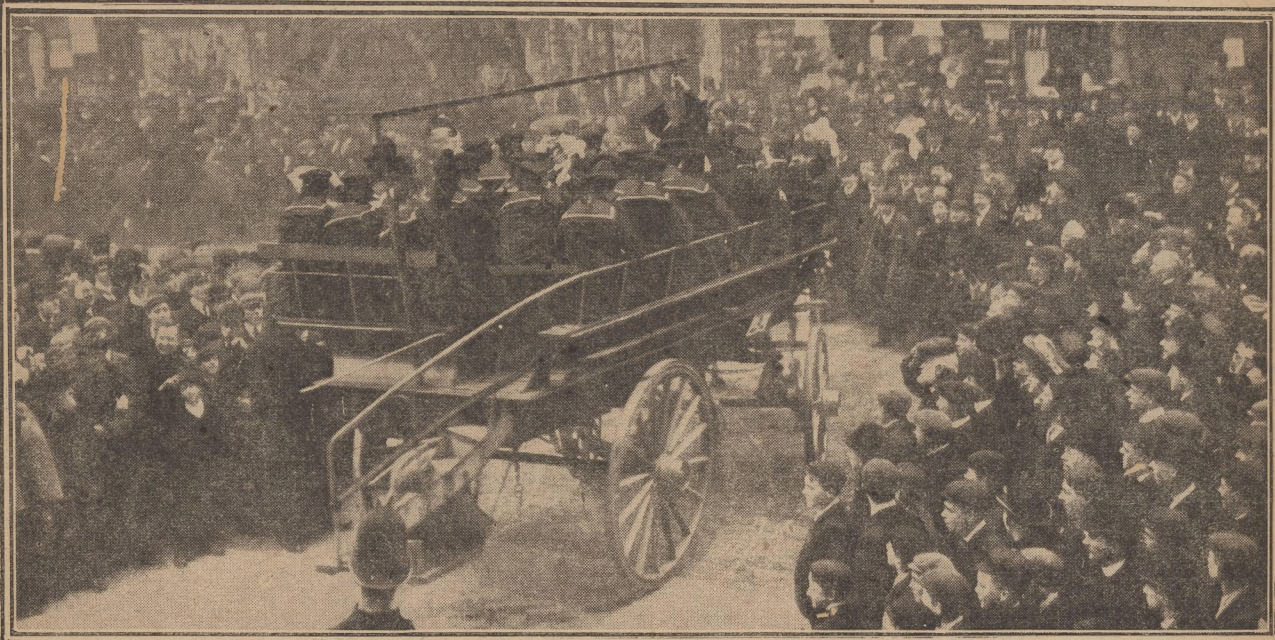
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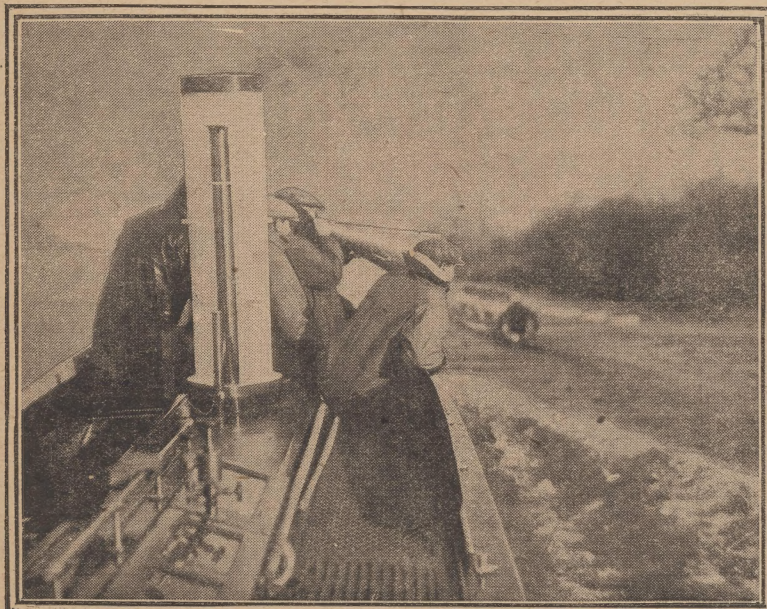
## JAPANESE SAILORS LEAVING ST. PAUL'S YESTERDAY.



Yesterday the second contingent of the Japanese sailors who have arrived in London on their way to take back two battleships drove through London in brakes, and the weather being brighter there were far bigger crowds in the streets to give them an

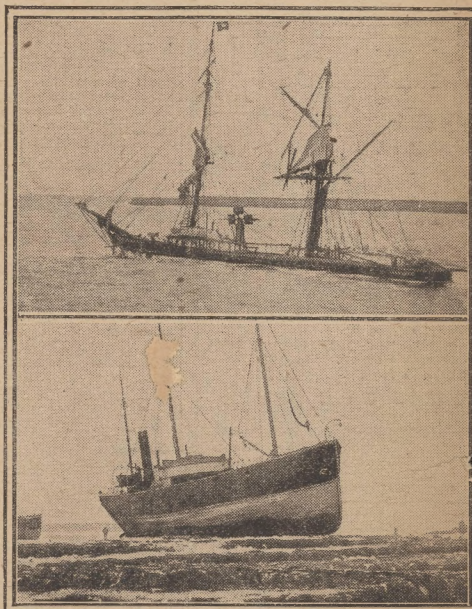
enthusiastic greeting. The photograph shows the crowd at the top of Ludgate-hill, down which the Japanese drove on their way from St. Paul's Cathedral to Westminster Abbey.

## COACHING THE CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE CREW.



Mr. Muttelbury, with megaphone, coaching the Cambridge crew from his launch. Immediately behind him is Colonel Ricardo, and leaning over the side is Mr. Escombe. In the cold winds of the past few days coaching the crews has been a work involving considerable exposure and discomfort.

## WRECKED BY THE GALE.



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London's Enthusiasm for the  
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## STRIKING INCIDENTS.

"Daily Mirror's" Greeting to the  
Party in Japanese.

Yukan naru Nippon kaigunno shohko kashisotsu shoshi wo kangeisui!

With this greeting the *Daily Mirror* yesterday met the Japanese officer with the Kashima's party of 320 Japanese bluejackets touring through London.

Quick came the response:—

Ware warewa shokunno raiyei wo kanhashi nawo igirisu jaizaju kokoku narukotowo inoru.

The conversation was, of course, carried on with the aid of an interpreter. It meant:—

"Welcome, brave officers and men of the Japanese navy," with the reply: "We are very grateful for the opportunity to come to England, and our visit is giving us great delight."

## LADIES GRASP HERO'S HAND.

London's reception of the Japanese sailors increases in cordiality each day.

As the thirteen brakes made their triumphant progress through the City and West End yesterday they were greeted with remarkable fervour.

It was again Nelson that drew their interest at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Lieutenant Sobu, the sole survivor of one of the thrilling attempts made to "bottle up" Port Arthur, was the object of special attention from the crowds. Ladies pressed forward to catch a glimpse of him, and more than one seized his hand.

Finding they had a few minutes to spare before they entered Westminster Abbey, the Japanese went to the House of Parliament, and were shown over Westminster Hall, the House of Commons, and the Royal Gallery, where they saw the great picture, "The Death of Nelson."

At Caxton Hall they had a dinner, differing in no essential from the fare on a warship.

The English idea that the Japanese are vegetarians and teetotallers is erroneous. Japanese sailors eat meat, and "saki," one of the national drinks, is intoxicating. But drunkenness is almost unknown.

## STRIKING INCIDENT AT MUSIC-HALL.

The programme yesterday was the same as that of Monday, the men again witnessing a performance at the Coliseum, where the biograph gave them the most satisfaction.

A striking scene was enacted when the picture of the Mikado was thrown on the screen. The orchestra instantly commenced playing the Japanese National Anthem, the sailors at once rising to their feet and preserving absolute silence.

On their faces an expression of reverence—almost of awe—was seen as they gazed on the picture of the monarch.

Then on the screen was thrown a view of the launching of the Dreadnought by King Edward.

It was now the turn of the English to stand, which they did, amid prolonged cheering.

The Japanese, it was observed, remained seated, and did not join in the cheering. It was explained afterwards that they are not familiar with the appearance of the King of England.

After "high tea" at the Coliseum they marched through the crowded streets to the Alhambra, where exhibitions of skill appealed to them.

## ANXIOUS TO SEE ENGLISH HOMES.

"They are intensely curious about everything English," said one of the interpreters to the *Daily Mirror*. "They are particularly keen on everything relating to English houses—furniture, table manners, and so on."

"During the voyage they read every scrap of literature available relating to England, and now they are here their one desire is to pick up words of your language."

"Very few of them are married—not more than twenty or twenty-five in the whole party."

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

To-day the Japanese sailors will visit the Tower of London, afterwards going to the Crystal Palace, where, after enjoying a trip in the captive flying machine and many other entertainments, they will have dinner and tea.

Leaving the Crystal Palace at 7.15, they will proceed to the Lyceum for the second performance, returning to the *Iyo Maru* at about 11.20.

## FRENCH VICTORY AT LINCOLN.

Ob's Sensational Win Brings His  
Owner £20,000.

## ENTENTE IN RACING.

(FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.)

LINCOLN, Tuesday Night.—Every wind that blows gives life and zest to Pentente cordiale. The French horse, Ob, won the Lincolnshire Handicap, the first great race of the season, now scarcely three days old, and his victory was welcomed by the British public to-day with as much enthusiasm as if he had won fortunes for them.

As a matter of fact, Ob, in a desperate struggle, beat Dean Swift by a few inches, and as the latter horse carried tons of English money, his defeat involved us in very heavy losses.

## MILD SPRINGLIKE WEATHER.

Nevertheless, an outburst of cheering saluted the fateful verdict, and the owner, M. Ephrussi, was immediately surrounded by a host of friends, who warmly congratulated him. He was delighted with the reception, and when I added, on behalf of the *Daily Mirror*, my tribute in the felicitations, M. Ephrussi expressed in very hearty style his appreciation of the compliment. Winning the Lincolnshire is the most notable triumph this owner has secured on the English turf, albeit his colours have figured here for many years, and his kinship with the Rothschild family paved the way to popularity.

There have been occasions when the elements have shattered the hopes of Continental invaders from the times of the Armada to the incursions by mere sportsmen, but all was delightful to-day, the weather having moderated into springlike mildness, an extraordinary contrast to the bitterness of our recent experiences.

## £20,000 BETS.

There were many French visitors besides M. Ephrussi present to see Ob's victory, and among the more distinguished of our people watching this great race were Lord Enniskillen, Lord Essex, Lord Henry Vane-Tempest, the Marquis of Cholmondeley, Lord Dalmézy (whose candidate Caravel cut up badly), Lord Fitzwilliam, Sir Ernest Paget, and Sir Patrick Blake.

Many ladies were present, and there was a vivacity in the meeting seldom seen in the rough days of early spring.

Some very heavy betting took place on the race. In one wager executed by a commissioner M. Ephrussi won £10,000, the odds being the amount to £500, and as the price varied subsequently to as much as 33 to 1, the owner personally betted variously to win fully another £10,000.

The race resulted in an intensely exciting struggle, and the general opinion of experts was that Ob was very fortunate to have beaten Roseate Dawn. The latter was badly handled in the matter of horsemanship.

## HONOURED BY THE KING.

Albert Medal for Mr. Urquhart, the Gallant British  
Vice-Consul at Baku.

Last night's "London Gazette" announces that the King has been pleased to award the Albert Medal of the First Class to Mr. Leslie Urquhart, British Vice-Consul at Baku.

It will be remembered that during the outbreak which took place at Baku last September Mr. Urquhart rode to the rescue of four British workmen who were surrounded by insurgents at Balachani.

The village was full of hostile Tartars, and the English colony at Baku never expected to see Mr. Urquhart return alive.

But Mr. Urquhart's conspicuous bravery was rewarded with success, and he got his fellow-countrymen away in safety. Immediately afterwards the buildings were stormed, and every human being remaining in them was put to death.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S DEPARTURE.

Her Majesty the Queen will arrive at Dover by special train on Monday afternoon and leave by the turbine steamer *Invicta* for Calais en route for Marseilles to join the King.

## INSURANCE "CRIME" DOUBTFUL.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—Mr. Jerome, the district attorney, to-day applied at the Tombs Court for warrants for the arrest of several persons in connection with insurance development.

The magistrate declined to grant the warrants on the ground that it would first be necessary to produce evidence that a crime had been committed.—*Reuter*.

## PLAY CAUSES A RIOT.

Over 400 Persons Killed and Injured in  
Fierce Street Fighting.

BUKHAREST, Tuesday.—A riotous demonstration made here by the students against the performance of a play at the theatre under the patronage of the Crown Princess necessitated the intervention of the military.

Several revolver shots having been fired by the demonstrators, the troops were reinforced, and the cavalry furiously charged the rioters, 250 of whom were injured. One hundred and fifty policemen and soldiers and six officers were also injured, two of these succumbing to their wounds. Many of those injured were women and children.

The gendarmes pursued the demonstrators to their homes, and even broke into their houses. The inhabitants are exasperated at the disgraceful conduct of the rioters, who are stated to have been incited by politicians.

The action of the police authorities is also condemned.—*Reuter*.

The cause of these riots lies in the popular excitement due to the question of the Rumanian succession. Some days ago the imminent retirement of the present ruler, King Charles, was announced, and it was added that he would be succeeded not by the Crown Prince, but by his son, the young Prince Carol.

The Crown Princess, who was the subject of the demonstration, is Princess Marie of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and a niece of King Edward.

## TURKEY IN TRUCULENT MOOD.

Possibility of Hostilities with Persia Breaking Out at  
Any Moment.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Tuesday.—At any moment news may be received that hostilities have broken out between Turkey and Persia, according to a Constantinople message to the "Petit Parisien."

The Turkish Government has absolutely refused to withdraw its troops from Persian territory.

Persia is hurriedly arming, and it is reported that troops are already on their way. Numerous tribes of Persian nomads are moving.

Turkey, who is adopting so truculent an attitude to Britain and Persia, has, however, apologised to Italy for an intrusion of soldiers in the grounds of an Italian Vice-Consul in Tripoli.

## MOROCCO QUESTION SETTLED.

Algiers Conference: Comes to an Agreement After  
Nine Weeks of Deliberation.

ALGECIRAS, Tuesday.—A basis of agreement with regard to the organisation of the police has been arrived at, and awaits the approval of the French and German Governments.

The distribution of the ports and the outstanding details respecting the State bank and public works will be arranged at a sitting of the Conference on Thursday.—*Exchange*.

This brief announcement of a settlement of the Moroccan difficulty will be received with lively satisfaction.

Yesterday morning the Drafting Committee, whose labours have smoothed away all misunderstandings, met for the last time and perfected the scheme they have been preparing for the consideration of the Conference.

At five o'clock in the afternoon the delegates assembled, and all differences were settled in a few hours.

The Conference held its first meeting on January 16, and during the protracted negotiations that have followed all hope of a settlement has been abandoned on at least three occasions.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Ten persons were killed and many injured through the collapse of a tower on the Hotel St. Denis at Atlantic City, U.S.A.

Lieutenant Schmidt, leader of the Sevastopol Mutiny, before his execution handed over his fortune of £500,000 to the revolutionary party.

The Westphalian Salvage Corps, having completed its work at Lens, left for Germany yesterday, after forming a French corps of a similar character.

A telegram from Chita (Siberia) states that a court-martial has sentenced to death thirteen officials who took part in the recent postal and telephone strike.

## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Continuing cold; brisk north-easterly winds; mostly fair and dry; local snow showers.  
Lighting-up time, 7.33 p.m.  
Sea passers will be rather rough in the south and east, moderate in the west.

## LORD MILNER'S GRAVE WARNING.

English May Yet Have To Trek  
from South Africa.

## "ADOLF BECK" BILL.

Criminal Appeal Measure Read for the  
Second Time in the Lords.

In the House of Lords last night Lord Milner delivered a grave warning to the Government regarding their policy in South Africa.

"It is absolutely necessary," he said, "if success is to be attained, that the settlers should have in the first years of their struggle a sympathetic and helpful Government."

"Before I left South Africa the spokesman of a deputation expressed to me the fear that if another Government came into power at home, and the Orange River Colony was granted responsible Government, the land settlement scheme would meet with very great opposition."

## PAINFUL AND DISTRESSING LETTERS.

"That they feel this still," continued the lordship, "is shown by the letter in my hand—(letter produced)—one of many painful and distressing letters which have reached me by the South African mail—in which the writer says: 'After all the sacrifices made in the Orange River Colony it would be hard if the Dutch were put in power, for, however much Ministers might hope that responsible government would bring about a better feeling between the two races, the English would have to trek.' (Sensation.)"

"I say, with deep regret, but with absolute conviction, that the good feeling between the two races will not save the British settlers from hostile executive action in a country in which they would have few, if any, representatives in the future Legislature."

"I earnestly ask the Government," concluded Lord Milner, "to consider the desirability, when giving self-government to the Orange River Colony, of retaining the Land Board as a branch of British administration."

Mr. Winston Churchill was present throughout Lord Milner's speech.

## LAW FOR THE INNOCENT.

A Criminal Appeal Bill that has been clamoured for in England ever since the famous Maybrick case was read for the second time in the House of Lords yesterday.

Tremendous emphasis was given to the need for such an enactment by the recent Beck case.

The second reading of the Bill was moved by the Lord Chancellor in a strong, convincing speech.

The effect of the Bill, Lord Loreburn explained, was to give a prisoner convicted on indictment of a criminal offence an unrestricted right of appeal on all points to a Court of Criminal Appeal consisting of at least three judges.

Quite recently there had been instances of error on the part of the Courts, resulting in a great deal of hardship and suffering, which had stirred the public mind.

As the law at present stood, no matter how erroneous the verdict of a jury might be, a prisoner had no means of obtaining redress. This was a plain absurdity.

The Earl of Halsbury said he did not think the noble lord on the Woolsack quite appreciated the extent to which he was going. A conviction could be altered to the advantage of an appellant, but the Court would have no power to increase a sentence.

Lord James of Hereford said the noble lord who had just spoken was only endeavouring to postpone the day on which the battle on this question was to take place.

The late Sir William Harcourt told him that during the first three years of his holding the office of Home Secretary he discharged from prison twelve innocent men, whose cases almost accidentally came before him, and that he had become convinced that these men were only symbolical of the convictions of men who were innocent and ought to be released.

## QUIET NIGHT IN THE COMMONS.

In the House of Commons a dull debate on the sugar question occupied the greater part of the evening.

Later the House went into Committee on the Army Annual Bill.

The Committee divided on Clause 21 of the Bill, which was carried by 195 votes to 36.

At a late hour the House was still occupied in the consideration of the Bill.



## FLAWS IN INJURED WORKMEN'S BILL.

Full Wages Demanded for Men Laid Aside by Accident.

### STATE SHOULD PAY.

BY MR. WILL THORNE, M.P.

I am disappointed with the new Workmen's Compensation Bill. I was under the impression that, in consequence of the democratic composition of the House of Commons, we were going to get a Bill that would be put in plain, understandable language, so as to prevent any misinterpretations when cases come before Judges for consideration, and that would prevent trade unions being called upon to spend so much money in defending their members and taking cases to the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords.

But, so far as I can understand it, the new Bill is just about as complicated as any Government Bills ever introduced.

The rank and file of the organised workers were expecting that the amount of compensation would be increased over and above what is allowed by the present Act. Nothing short of full wages in cases of accident will satisfy the organised workers. But the amount of compensation has not been increased; the difference between what a man could earn and what he was receiving before the accident is limited to the 50 per cent. under the present Act of 1897.

#### Proposed Remedy.

In my opinion the remedy is for the State to pay compensation to wage-earners who may be injured. It should be paid at local post-offices after the employers had certified as to the bona fides of the accident, and it would then be the duty of the responsible Minister to insist on employers paying premiums, in accordance with the amount of wages paid, into one common fund.

Here is an instance of litigation that must ensue. Trade unions that cater for casual labour and builders' labourers will be called upon to take many cases to the courts, because one of the clauses states that in assessing compensation the basis to be taken is the wages the injured workman has been receiving if engaged continuously for two weeks for an employer.

The simplest method would be to allow each day to stand by itself.

Perhaps the greatest drawback is that the Act does not go nearly far enough. Compensation should be paid in case of accident to all who work, whether with their hands or brains. Why should the clerk be excluded, for instance? And why should not a journalist who gets brain fever over his work be compensated?

#### Carmen Outside the Act.

Thousands of carmen will be outside the Act, because there are many master-carmen who do not engage more than five men, and the Act only applies to employers who engage over five men, with certain exceptions. Thousands of school caretakers, and men who work for fish, meat, potato, and other salesmen, who often meet with accidents in consequence of the heavy weights they are called upon to carry, are also outside, under the more-than-five-men rule. So are coalporters and hundreds of others.

The members of the Labour Party will make strenuous efforts to get all workpeople within the scope of the Act, and if the Home Secretary is prepared to make concessions on these and other lines, then he will receive the hearty congratulations of all the organised workers of the country.

I find that employers representing the building trades, master-lightermen of the Port of London, and those representing the Shipping Federation, will fight hard against the Bill, therefore it behoves all the organised workers in every constituency to call upon their members to urge the Home Secretary to make such alterations in the Bill as will make it a benefit to all wage-earners.

### BENEFITS OF THE "DOUBLE LIFE."

Health Specialist Upholds Musician-Chemists and Statesmen-Gardeners as Examples.

In one sense it is good to lead "a double life," said Dr. G. Norman Maclean, in insisting on the benefits of having a hobby and taking regular exercise, at the Institute of Hygiene, London, last night.

There are at the present time, he said, more musician-chemists, statesmen-gardeners, physician-musicians, and banker-poets than is commonly believed. These are the people who knew how good it is to have a hobby.

#### TO COMMAND THE LONDON ARMY.

The King has approved the appointment of Major-General the Hon. Sir F. W. Stopford, K.C.M.G., C.B., Director of Military Training, Headquarters of the Army, to command the London District, vice Lieutenant-General Sir L. Oliphant, who vacates that appointment

## THE KING'S RABBITS.

Workhouse Inmate Claims That It Was Right To "Poach" Them.

As a sequel to the conviction of three inmates of the Windsor Workhouse who recently were sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for poaching the King's rabbits in Windsor Great Park, another inmate named Todd was yesterday brought before the board of guardians for threatening an inmate named Marshall with a poker because he had given the poachers away.

Todd was subjected to a long cross-examination, and at first denied that he was aware that the poachers kept ferrets and 150 yards of netting in the "house."

Replying to more questions, Todd grew excited, and said that "the man who gave the poachers away ought to be shot, and if I had been in good health I should have been out with them. I say they had a right to be there, and I glory in them. I thoroughly believe in poaching."

The Clerk: Now we have it.

"Yes," continued Todd fiercely. "There are plenty of rabbits in the King's park." Todd continued with an excited harangue on the rights of poachers, and had to be taken out of the room.

Afterwards he hammered at the door of the board-room and shouted to be admitted.

It is said that poachers from the workhouse have had "sack-loads" of the King's rabbits. Todd was in charge of the boiler-house, where the rabbits were cooked and the nets dried.

Marshall said that he was leaving the workhouse to find work in Essex, and declined to prosecute Todd. Accordingly, the guardians took no further action.

### LADY'S GRIP ON A BREWERY.

Lady Meux Can Prevent Payment of Preference Dividend Until £805,866 Has Been Made.

The affairs of Meux's brewery are the subject of a circular sent out by Messrs. Vallance, Birkbeck, and Barnard, who put Lady Meux's side of the question before the shareholders.

Lady Meux, it appears, is perfectly agreeable to any reduction in the capital of the company that can be shown to be justifiable.

She desires, however, that the question of depreciation be thoroughly examined by a committee, and to this end it is suggested that next Friday's meeting be adjourned.

Shareholders are reminded that if Lady Meux refrains from voting the proposed reduction in capital cannot be made. In such circumstances, no preference dividend can be paid until profits amounting to £805,866 have been earned.

### MR. TREE ON DRUNKENNESS.

Speaks of the Temptations to Which Those in His Own Profession Are Subjected.

"Though I have had no personal experience of the remedy, if it is all that is claimed for it then indeed we have in our hands a marvellous instrument for the greater salvation of mankind."

So said Mr. Beerbohm Tree yesterday at a meeting of the Normyl Treatment Association—an association which has for its object the treatment of people suffering from alcoholism and the drug habit.

He knew, continued Mr. Tree, the tremendous temptation to which those in his own profession were subjected through taking stimulants "to buck one up," as the saying goes. As the habit gradually grew, such a remedy as the Normyl treatment was one to be encouraged.

Mr. Owen Seaman, the new editor of "Punch," explained the aims of the association.

### RED-TAPE IN SCHOOLS.

Mr. O'Brien Champions the Case of Girl Teachers Forbidden to Wear Engagement Rings.

Two school teachers had the honour of having their names mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday.

Their gallant champion was Mr. Patrick O'Brien, whose bachelor soul was stirred with indignation at the thought that they had been forbidden to wear their engagement rings in school.

"The treatment of the girls," replied Mr. Birrell, "appears to have been of an arbitrary and unwise character."

"At the same time he had no power to interfere with the managers or governors of the schools in laying down rules of discipline, unless it could be shown that such rules would lead to a loss of efficiency in the schools."

### "BUSTER BROWN" CASE SETTLED.

In the Federal Circuit Court of New York, Judge Lacombe issued an injunction on Monday restraining the New York "American" and other persons from using the title "Buster Brown" in connection with comic illustrations.

This gives the New York Herald the exclusive right to publish "Buster Brown" pictures under that trademark.

## L.C.C. OWES £98,000,000.

ASTOUNDING FIGURES SUBMITTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Extraordinary figures which were presented to the London County Council yesterday by the Finance Committee are calculated to make the most reckless supporters of municipal enterprise pause. Here are some of the figures, briefly put:

Gross debt on December 31, 1905, £73,777,982.

Net debt (after deducting loans to local authorities and other assets), £44,859,729.

Further capital expenditure agreed to, £21,008,345.

Of this sum £12,111,410 has been voted, and it is now being expended, while the balance of £8,896,935 has been approved by the Council, but not voted in detail.

Taking the capital commitments of £21,008,345, all of which will have to be borrowed, and therefore added to the debt, it will be found that the gross debt of the Council will amount to the astonishing figure of £494,786,327.

The certain gross debt of the Council must therefore shortly amount to £494,786,327.

In addition the Council has now before Parliament schemes which, if approved, will cost £4,018,945.

Thus the total gross debt of the Council will reach £498,805,272.

Simultaneously the Local Government Committee has submitted a return showing the rateable value of London to be £49,477,958.

The present net debt of the Council (amounting to £44,859,729) therefore—for the first time—exceeds the rateable value upon which it is secured.

London's debt now amounts to £14 per head, while its possessions are worth nearly £9 per head.

### SPELL OF LADY MARY.

Suffolk Electors Tramp Miles To Inquire Affectionately After Her Health.

The electors of North-East Suffolk rejoiced yesterday at the good tidings that Lady Mary Hamilton was much improved in health after the attack of influenza which removed her charming presence from the contest. She hopes soon to be out again helping her fiancé, the Marquis of Graham, to obtain a victory for the Unionist cause.

As evidence of the affectionate regard in which Lady Mary is held by the villagers, an old man yesterday walked five miles to satisfy himself as to her ladyship's health. This record was beaten by an enthusiastic admirer, who trudged all the way to Laxfield from a remote village to ask: "How can I vote for that 'ere lady'?"

When told he would have to go to Framlingham, a distance of seven miles, to show his preference for Lady Mary's candidate on polling day, he refused the offer of a conveyance, saying "I'll walk it."

### MORE WINDFALLS FOR MR. ASQUITH.

FOUR WILLS PROVED YESTERDAY PROVIDE £117,400 IN DEATH DUTIES FOR THE CHANCELLOR.

In respect of four wills proved yesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will receive no less than £117,400 in death duties.

Mr. Asquith, who has been exceptionally fortunate in his receipts from this source, will receive the greater part of this sum this week, before the expiration of the financial year.

The wills referred to are those of the Rev. Sir Richard Fitzherbert, Bart., of Tissington Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, who left property to the value of £530,548; Mr. James Percival Cross, J.P., of Cuthorpe, near Rugby, who left £366,985; Mr. William Clarence Watson, J.P., Lord of the Manors of Colworth and Souldport, Bedfordshire, who left £229,716; and Mr. Thomas Dowsett, of Southend, who started life by scaring crows, and left £222,713.

### RHODESIA'S LIGHT BLUE TOPAZ.

Geologist Says That Fresh Tints Are Continually Being Discovered.

Authorities on precious stones have received very quietly the report that a light blue topaz has been discovered in Rhodesia.

"A sky-blue topaz is already known," said the assistant-carator of the Geological Museum in Jermyn-street to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "and so also is the yellow topaz."

"Some specimens are also colourless; and by heating richly-coloured yellow crystals topazes can be made a lovely delicate rose-pink in colour."

"Fresh tints in precious stones are constantly being found," said Mr. Pringle.

Mr. Arthur Balfour has at last given in to his doctors and commenced his "rest cure." He will not be seen in the House again for some weeks, and he is not allowed to receive any letters.

## EARLIER TO BED.

"Daily Mirror" Readers Heartily Agree with Magistrate's View.

### RACE DEGENERACY.

In declaring, "I like children of about ten to be in bed by 7.30 or eight o'clock," Mr. Fordham, the North London magistrate, has touched a sympathetic chord in *Daily Mirror* readers.

Letters have come from all quarters, expressing hearty approval of Mr. Fordham's opinion. Here are a few:—

#### "CRIMINAL" LAXITY.

Mr. Fordham touches the root of a very great evil. Our race would be able to boast more specimens of healthy manhood at the present day had the benefits of early retiring been understood by the mothers of twenty and thirty years ago.

The habit which prevails in the best houses of keeping little children up until nine or ten at night, and bringing them down from the nursery to dessert after dinner, two or three hours after they should have been asleep, is nothing short of criminal. PATER.

Hampstead, N.W.

#### OCTOGENARIAN'S ADVICE.

I should like to point out the sound common sense embodied in Mr. Fordham's remark as to a child's bedtime.

The result of the present habit of allowing our young folk to remain up until nine, ten, or even later at night, is to be seen in the nervous, ill-developed young men and women of the present day.

In my young days such a thing as "nerves" in a youth was unknown, and unless we were organically diseased, we were brimming over with energy.

But then, you see, we were never out of bed after seven until we were sixteen or seventeen.

That was in the "thirties." OCTOGENARIAN.

#### FARCICAL EXERCISE.

We waste hours and thousands of pounds over muscle-developers and patent systems of physical development, and the result is an ever-increasing number of weaklings.

Send the children to bed earlier, and the "physical degenerate" cry will in the next generation be unheard of.

This is the advice of an eminent London magistrate, and I for one most heartily endorse it. H. H.

#### LEGISLATION NEEDED.

How can we expect to maintain a sturdy and sane race if we sacrifice the children's constitutions to our craze for late hours?

The abominable idea of a child attending an evening performance at a theatre is only excelled by the fact that so many of our children are allowed to perform at places of amusement up to hours of the night when healthy adults should be in bed.

The child's bedtime should, in the interests of the nation, be controlled by law, since the majority of parents at the present day prove themselves totally unfitness to be entrusted with the care of their offspring. T. S.-M.

#### RULE FOR FIRST TWELVE YEARS.

No child can possibly hope to grow up healthy and strong who is not in bed, during the first twelve years of life, before eight o'clock every night. This is a fact acknowledged by all physicians.

I was delighted to read Mr. Fordham's remarks upon this subject.

Cannot something be done to protect the children? NURSE.

### NEW JOURNAL, "P.T.O."

Mr. T. P. O'Connor Tells How He Decided on the Title of His Newest Venture.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., who is about to leave "M.A.P.," told yesterday how he decided on the title of his projected new paper.

"I was discussing with Mr. Beerbohm Tree the title of the new paper. Thinking aloud, I said, 'P.T.O.' the initials of my own name."

"Why not 'P.T.O.'?" said Mr. Tree. I was struck at once with the excellence of the modification, and adopted it.

"The new paper will contain articles from my own pen, and will canvass social topics; it will not be a literary weekly. I expect to publish it early in June, issuing 150,000 copies."

#### GREAT NAVAL HARBOUR FOR ITALY.

The Italian Government, which views with uneasiness the superiority of the Austro-Hungarian navy, has prepared a scheme to make a great naval harbour in the lagoon of Camacchio, between the Po and Reno.

A canal will be made from the lagoon to the Adriatic, and another one to the railway station at Portomaggiore.



## HUSBANDS, WIVES, AND FRIENDS.

Three Singular Stories from the  
Divorce Court.

### CANDID CONFESSIONS.

Three husbands accused three erstwhile friends of stealing the affections of three wives in the Divorce Court yesterday. In two of the cases substantial damages were awarded the husbands. The issue of the third is still undecided.

#### CASE No. 1.

Mr. Augustus Mozley-Stark was married to his wife, Annie Effie Mozley-Stark, in 1892. Two years later they made the acquaintance of a Mr. Hitchins. He became an intimate friend of the family.

Some years passed without Mr. Stark having any ground for complaint, and then in 1900 his attention was drawn to the frequency of Mr. Hitchins's visits to his house, the Hollies, at Fulham.

Mr. Stark spoke to his wife about the matter, but she made light of it. "He has been coming to see my sister," she said.

The difference, however, when put before Mrs. Stark's father caused that gentleman to be more careful, he decided. She gave her promise to do so.

She kept her word until 1904. In that year Mr. Stark had a narrow escape from drowning. He was boating with his daughter at Hampton Court, and the boat was upset. It was with the greatest difficulty that he rescued the girl. While he was recovering from the after-effects of his immersion he received a letter from his wife, who was at the Hotel Burlington at Dover. The letter said:—

"This is to tell you that I have left the Hollies, and am now with Mr. Hitchins for the remainder of my life. His address is in Victoria-street, S.W., to which all communications can be addressed.

With regard to our daughter, as in the past, so in the future, I am willing to provide for her school fees, which are paid until next Christmas.

It was found on inquiry at Dover that Mrs. Stark had been staying with Mr. Hitchins there. The case was not contested, and a decree nisi was granted, the jury assessing the damages at £600, an amount previously agreed upon between the parties.

#### CASE No. 2.

Married to his wife Annie Florrie in 1883, Mr. Samuel Newton, who is in business near Birmingham, found in 1894 that his wife, when on a visit to Bristol, had become acquainted with a Mr. Williams. When Mr. Williams at a later date came to Birmingham he was introduced to Mr. Newton, and the two men became friends.

In 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Newton spent a fortnight at Ilfracombe, where Mr. Williams was one of their party. Mr. Williams returned with them to Birmingham, and stayed for some little time in their house.

Shortly after he had gone Mr. Newton found a letter in his wife's bedroom under the bed. He was surprised to find that it was addressed to Mrs. Newton, and, although not written by him, her husband, began: "My dear Wife."

It went on, according to his remembrance of its contents, to propose that Mrs. Newton should elope with the writer, Mr. Williams, and included the words: "You talk about disgrace, but I will stand by you and see you through it."

When Mrs. Newton was downstairs at breakfast, was shown this letter, she said: "If you have read it I can say nothing." Then she took the letter away, and put it into her pocket. She afterwards said: "I was too smart for him. I took the letter away."

Mr. Newton promised to forgive his wife if she would give Mr. Williams up, but when he returned home one night he found that she had gone, leaving the following note:—

"I have nothing to say more than you have once said I could go, and now I am going. I have been treated like a dog. I have a heart, like other people. You need not bother any more about me, as I shall not return.

The damages in this case, also undefended, were £250.

#### CASE No. 3.

The wife of Mr. G. Price, a City man, was introduced—according to a statement by counsel—to a Mr. Ridgway, a business colleague, at the Earl's Court Exhibition.

Mr. Ridgway afterwards frequently called on Mrs. Price, at her husband's house at Hammer-smith. Mrs. Price, counsel said, admitted that she was infatuated with Mr. Ridgway.

To get her out of the latter's way her husband took her to live at the other end of London. But, so the account of counsel ran, Mr. Ridgway followed her up.

Finally, Mr. Price said: "You must choose between Mr. Ridgway and me."

Mrs. Price replied, it is alleged: "That is soon settled. I am going."

The hearing of this case, which is contested, was adjourned.

## POLICEMAN IN LOVE.

End of a Seven Years' Romance of the  
Metropolitan Force.

"I think that a young policeman ought to be married; it keeps him straight. The fellows tell me I am looking pale, but they don't know what love is. I have lost half a stone this week worrying. I can't help it; I am fairly in love."

This is an extract from a letter quoted in a branch of promise case yesterday at Norwich, where Miss Edith Mary Tooke obtained £35 damages against Robert George Flaxman, of the Metropolitan Police, who left the Yarmouth Police Force for London because he was ambitious.

The courtship lasted seven years, and the policeman in love wrote many ardent letters. His one idea seemed to get married as quickly as possible. "You know the old song," he wrote, "'It's Nice to Have a Home of Your Own.'"

In his first letters he explained why he did not put in kisses, saying, "Fellows are alongside me, and can see."

He explained that he was on special duty at the Tivoli and Covent Garden, and how he had to march with the unemployed. He also described the gruesome scenes he saw while on duty on the Embankment.

Miss Tooke took her sweetheart's advice not to take a situation in a railway restaurant, his objection being that "the girls are such flirts, and fellows would run after you."

After his affections cooled he complained that the girl's missives contained too many "my dears," and finally he told her "I shall never get married."

### DEATH OF MR. RICHARD TWINING.

Head of the Famous Tea Firm Passes Away in  
His Ninety-Ninth Year.

One of the most prominent business men of the last century passes away with the death, in his ninety-ninth year, of Mr. Richard Twining.

He was senior partner of the old-established tea firm, and in addition, until 1892, Richard Twining and Co. were well known as bankers. In that year



MR. RICHARD TWINING.

the banking business was amalgamated with Lloyds Bank, and Mr. Twining became a director of that institution.

Until recently he was president of the Equitable Life Assurance Company, but all other active commercial affairs he gave up some years ago. Other than business matters Mr. Twining was greatly interested in charity, and for many years was president of King's College Hospital.

### MAIDSTONE'S LIVELY ELECTION.

Rule Against an Editor Discharged, as He Was  
"Provoked" To Make Comments.

"If all the truth were known Maidstone would be disfranchised."

This statement was made by Mr. Dickens, K.C., in the Divisional Court yesterday during the hearing of arguments on a rule calling on Mr. Beeching, the editor of two Kentish papers, to show cause why a writ should not be issued against him for contempt of Court in connection with articles dealing with the election petition against the return of Lord Castlereagh.

It was one of the many evidences of the lively nature of the recent contest at Maidstone.

It was contended, on behalf of Sir Francis Evans, the Liberal candidate, that the articles were calculated to prevent witnesses from coming forward; but Mr. Justice Darling discharged the rule, without costs, as the editor had been "somewhat provoked" into making the comments.

### DEER WATCHMAN SHOT IN SCOTLAND.

A shooting affair of a sensational character has occurred in the Highlands. A crofter named Fraser, who was the watchman of the deer in the district, was to appear as a witness in a poaching case.

The man was working in his barn with the front door closed, when a shot pierced the door, entering for body below the heart, and coming out at the right side. He lies in a critical state. No arrest has been made.

## CLIFF MYSTERY.

Dark Secret of a Girl's Strange  
Death at Dover.

### UNSOLVED TRAGEDY.

Who will unravel the mystery of the death of Madeleine Sarah Wells, the young Beckenham girl whose dead body was found a fortnight ago floating off Shakespeare Cliff, Dover, a few hours after she had left Beckenham?

The Dover jury yesterday, after hearing much evidence, could not. All they could record was that the girl was found dead in the sea, and there was no evidence as to how she got there.

But the evidence given before Mr. Coroner Payn presents one very ugly feature. One medical expert confessed that he was unable to state that death was really due to drowning, and deposed to the existence of bruises, which suggest that violence was used.

When the girl's body was found, on her breast was an ivy leaf—the symbolic significance of this, "I cling to thee"—and this imports into the case a vague romantic element, although Miss Wells had not disclosed to her friends any indication of having formed any tender attachment.

As the case stands, therefore, there are all the elements of a great mystery, which is all the more disturbing because of the many recent unsolved tragedies in which young women have been killed whilst taking a journey.

#### The Great Problem.

A railway-ticket found on the girl's body shows that she travelled from Beckenham—leaving the hotel where she was employed in high spirits—to Charing Cross, and had a return ticket. How she came to be at Dover is a question still unanswered. Was she murdered on the railway? Did she arrive at Dover alive? If so, was she accidentally drowned? Or, if her death was the result of foul play, what was the underlying motive of the crime?

As to these riddles presented by the tragedy, the testimony of the witnesses yesterday contributed but little, although the police have been very active in their inquiries.

Miss Wells, who was engaged as a barmaid at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, was a cheerful girl, and her mother told the jury yesterday that on the day before the tragedy was discovered she received a letter from her daughter couched in a bright mood, and containing a promise of a present, which was subsequently found in the poor girl's box. The mother could not explain why the girl should be at Dover, for her daughter had not been to that place in her life.

She was, added the distressed parent, a practical girl, and never had they reason to be anxious about her. So far as they knew, she had no attachment whatever.

#### Important Medical Suggestion.

"It is quite possible," said Dr. Bruce Payne, "that death occurred before the body reached the water. The general conditions were not such as are usually found in a drowned person."

A somewhat sensational statement was made by Mr. Watson, the husband of the deceased girl's sister, who stated that he was in an hotel at Ramsgate, when some gentlemen, talking about the case, said they were practically certain from the girl's description that they travelled down with her in the same compartment on the night of her disappearance, and that just as the train was starting from Charing Cross a gentleman entered the carriage while the train was in motion and sat opposite the deceased.

After such evidence the jury had no other course than to return an open verdict.

### "THE TREACLE TRICK."

Skilful Robbery of Jewels Worth £1,000 Effected in  
Twenty Minutes.

Putney was yesterday the scene of a most daring jewellery robbery, productive of about £1,000 to the perpetrators, and carried out by means of what is known as "the treacle trick."

At ten minutes past one yesterday morning policemen found everything in order at the shop of Mr. Crawley, jeweller and pawnbroker, in High-street, but when a constable returned twenty minutes later the shutters of the shop were wrenched off, the window was smashed, and the great haul of jewellery effected.

The "treacle system" is thus described. First the window is smeared with treacle, on which is placed brown paper. To this more treacle is applied, and the whole preparation covered with a piece of flannel. Then by a heavy blow the window is smashed, the preparation deadening the sound.

#### DIALOGUE WITH A DOG.

When "Mauricette" is produced at the Lyric Theatre next Saturday evening, with Mr. H. B. Irving, Miss Dorotha Baird, and Miss Marion Terry in the leading parts, it will be preceded by Mr. Sam Sothern in a dialogue with a dog, entitled, "What Shall I Say to Her?" written by his brother, the famous American actor.

## HER LOVER SHOT.

No Explanation Forthcoming Why Recruit  
Carried Ball Cartridge.

The sweetheart of James William Church—a young man of Barking—told the Stratford coroner yesterday a dramatic story of how her lover was shot down and mortally wounded by a Volunteer recruit.

Church and his fiancée went to Green-lane, Ilford, on Saturday to witness a firing drill by recruits belonging to the 1st Essex Volunteer Battalion.

When the girl saw the manoeuvres she turned to her lover and said, "Will they hurt?" "No," he replied, "it is only blank ammunition."

Suddenly he was shot, and fell on his back in the fallen snow. "Oh, my dear sweetheart," he exclaimed, "I am shot. They have killed me." Blood flowed from his sleeve, and the shooting was stopped.

The wounded man was removed to the West Ham Infirmary, where it was found he was shot through the liver and spine, and he died from the result of his injuries.

At yesterday's inquest much evidence was given, but in the end the jury decided that there was no testimony showing how a ball cartridge became included in the blank ammunition served out to the recruits.

A verdict of Death by Misadventure was returned.

### TO SAVE THE SUNDAY.

Archbishop's Committee Reports a Universal Protest  
Against Working on Day of Rest.

After four months' labour, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Committee have submitted their report on the important question of the decay of the British Sunday. The report states:—

"From many parts of England and the Colonies—and from the Christian population of the Continent and America—testimony is forthcoming that the working-classes of Christendom are protesting against the injustice of being forced, or bribed, to acquiesce in the gradual abolition of their weekly Day of Rest from toil, and of their sole opportunity for the enjoyment of the sacred privileges—domestic and personal—for which the divinely appointed institution of Sunday affords the one sufficient and world-wide security."

The attitude of the Roman Catholic Church and the Free Church Council is said to be heartily in favour of a corporate movement to promote Sunday observance.

It is proposed at an early date, to call together a great general conference under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

### CRISIS IN TEA COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

New Board Considered "as Much a Committee of  
Investigation as Directors."

Strong statements were made by Mr. J. L. Denham, the newly-elected chairman, at a meeting of the shareholders of the Mazawattee Tea Company in London yesterday.

The present board, he said, regarded themselves as being as much a committee of inspection as a board of directors.

Unless he had, in December, stepped in and asked the shareholders to remove the two late managing directors, the business must have come to a standstill. The company was then committed to an expenditure of considerably over £100,000 for a number of shops which would not cover one-tenth of the ground covered by agents.

He knew that all their travellers and representatives were going to leave at the beginning of this year, and the aggressive means used to push their shops had disgusted the grocers.

The loss had been so heavy that it would be impossible to deal with it except by a reduction of capital.

### CERTAINTY OF DEARER FOOTWEAR.

Manufacturers Declare It Is Impossible To Turn  
Out Goods at the Old Prices.

Apprehensions of an impending rise in the price of footwear, which have been entertained for a long time, were confirmed at the meeting of the Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association and the Leather Trades' Protection Society in London yesterday.

Mr. George White, M.P., declared that it was impossible to turn out the same quality of goods at anything like the old prices, and the sooner the public recognised this the better it would be for all concerned.

### WEAKNESS OF GOVERNMENT CLERKS.

"It is the old story. In these public offices they go surety for others," remarked Judge Woodfall at Westminster County Court yesterday, remarking on the number of summonses against clerks in Government offices.



## TRAGEDY OF THE OLYMPIA SALE.

Fittings Worth £7,000 Sell for Less Than £200.

### UNHAPPY CREDITORS.

Olympia cost over £7,000 three months ago to turn into a palace of sport. Yesterday the whole of the fittings were sold for under £200.

An interesting study in facial expressions could have been made at the sale. The auctioneer looked rueful, the purchasers jubilant, and the creditors wretched.

The mammoth grass carpet which Messrs. Harrod laid down for the covered football field at a cost of £2,000 was sold in 116 segments, and realised about £150 all told. The famous Schreyer chute, from which that gentleman made his daring dive off a bicycle through space, was knocked down at 22s., though it took £375 to erect.

Everybody stopped to ponder at such a price. It seemed ludicrously small; but then what was to be done with it? It was useless without another Schreyer.

The great rubber-wheeled circular bandstand on an electric motor-trolley, on which the orchestra used to wander about the great arena, and from which the auctioneer pleaded in vain for fairer bids, was sold for £12! At the lowest estimate it must have been worth £150. Everything realised the same absurd prices, and speculators must have enjoyed a perfect field-day.

### Not a Shilling Bid.

For the racquet courts not a single bid was made, although everything was to be sold without reserve, and had some intrepid person so far ventured as to offer one shilling for the lot, they would have performed some of his property. One person did ask if he could have them for that price, and only just escaped having them knocked down to him when told that he would have to pay for taking them away.

"It's a perfect farce," said an indignant creditor at the close of the sale. "£7,000 worth of goods have gone for less than £180. There won't be a penny for anyone. I doubt even if it will cover the cost of printing for the sale."

Another drew Mr. Cleary's statement of bankruptcy from his pocket. "Look at this," he said. "Creditors' claims amount to £10,678, as against 1s. 10d. in the bank and 9d. in petty cash. We relied on the sale, and that, if anything, means a further loss."

If the result of the sale had not spelt tragedy to so many people it would have been irresistibly comic.

### SELLING A LONDON CHURCH.

At the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, yesterday, the Church of St. Michael's, Burleigh-street, Strand, was sold for £20,500.

The church is within forty yards of the busiest part of the Strand, in the purlieus of Covent Garden, and in the very centre of the publishing trade. The opening bid was £10,000, quickly followed by £11,000, £12,000, £13,000, and £14,000, after which there was a lull. Then came additional offers for £500 until a stoppage at £18,500, when the hammer was inclined to fall. This price represented about 44 or 45 a foot.

Nineteen thousand pounds was then signalled, and another £1,000 was put on in two bids. Finally the hammer fell at £20,500.

### WANTED TO BE FLOGGED.

Chinese Labourers Who Preferred Corporal Punishment to Fines.

Much has been heard lately about the flogging of Chinese labourers, and in this connection a correspondent of the "Times" tells a tale of a copper mine in a Spanish colony, which was worked forty years ago by Welsh miners, hired negroes, and 700 or 800 indentured Chinese.

The humane manager was an advocate of government by moral influence and punishment by small fines.

As a result, mutiny brewed, and the manager was faced by a deputation of Chinamen, who protested against the infliction of fines, and asked for corporal punishment instead.

Therefore, to avoid bloodshed, the fines were stopped, and the disorderly Chinese miner, whipped for his faults, lived in peace and good order.

But Europe meddled at last. The mine was abandoned and the Welshmen shipped home.

### BIRTH CERTIFICATES RISE IN PRICE.

From Beaconsfield Petty Sessions emanates news of a great discovery. The threepenny birth certificates, which hundreds of persons have obtained in seeking exemption from vaccination under the "conscience clause," are now declared by Somerset House to be indelicate.

Hereafter 3s. 7d. must be paid

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Jabez Balfour has been removed to the hospital at Parkhurst Prison, and will remain there until he leaves the gaol.

At the Boys' Home, Regent's Park, a miniature rifle range is about to be installed.

Mr. W. Q. Orchardson, R.A., the famous painter, celebrated his seventy-first birthday yesterday.

Maxime Gorky, who left Berlin last week after three weeks' stay, and is now at Glion, Montreux, is shortly going to America.

Early yesterday morning a horse attached to a newspaper van bolted in Fleet-street and collided with a hansom cab, the driver of which was seriously injured.

Stopped by the police for driving a motor-car at excessive speed, an American, who left England before he could be summoned, has just voluntarily forwarded £5 as a "fine."

Two of Mark Twain's books, "Huckleberry Finn" and "Tom Sawyer," have been forbidden to be issued to readers under fifteen by the Brooklyn public libraries authorities.

A pungent satire on the bitter March weather which brought a grim smile to many faces was a cartoon of Christmas-trees which travelled slowly along Holborn at noon yesterday.

To-night Mr. Dickinson will move in the House of Commons that the condition of the Port of London and docks demands attention, with a view to the management being transferred to a public authority.

During the next seven days nine steamships, with 9,000 emigrants, are due to arrive at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. John, New Brunswick.

The sum of £9,376 has been paid in fines for street-betting, during the last ten years, at West Ham Police Court.

At an inquest at Shoreditch yesterday it was stated that a widow named Flint, sixty-eight years of age, who had been found crouching in a doorway, had died from starvation.

While engaged in his work upon the new "Bakerloo" tube railway, a signman named Craigie fell under a train, and was so badly mangled that he died shortly afterwards.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone will receive to-morrow a deputation consisting of representatives of Richmond Town Council, which desires amendment of the law relating to street betting.

In memory of the late Sir J. Blundell Maple, the donor of the new University College Hospital, it is proposed that London-street, Tottenham Court-road, should be renamed Maple-street.

At North London Police Court yesterday an applicant sought a certificate exempting his child from vaccination, giving as a reason that he had a relative with a wooden leg and a "humpy" back as the result of vaccination.

Mr. Justice Warrington, in the Chancery Division yesterday, directed a motion taken out in the matter of the Mayfair Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, for leave to issue a writ of attachment, to stand over for a week.

### LONDON CHURCH SOLD FOR £20,500.



Built in 1833, in thirteenth century Gothic style, the Church of St. Michael's, Burleigh-street, Strand, has long attracted but a scanty congregation. Yesterday it was sold at the Mart, Tokenhouse-yard, for £20,500.

Twenty-six convicts were confirmed by the Bishop of Exeter at Dartmoor Prison yesterday.

At Dagenham, Essex, a hen has laid a double egg, joined together at the top by a natural tubing.

George Bennett, a Reddish ironmoulder, has just received a £1,050 prize in the Hamburg State Lottery.

At Barrow-in-Furness yesterday a new cruiser of 3,200 tons displacement was launched for the Peruvian Government.

The work of electrifying the tramway route from the Obelisk, Southwark, to Battersea and Wandsworth has been commenced.

Mr. Justice Phillimore is progressing favourably after his attack of influenza, but will not return to the Law Courts until after Easter.

The House of Commons will adjourn for the Easter holidays on April 11, according to present arrangements, meeting again on the 24th.

While attempting to quell an outbreak of fire on Baroness Gray's motor-car, at South Kensington, the chauffeur, Percy Stephens, was badly burnt.

Three men have been injured, one seriously, owing to their motor-car having collided with a bridge crossing the Sow, near Coventry, and their falling into the river.

A scratch on the nose, caused whilst smelling a Primula obconica, a variety of primrose originally brought from Central China, has caused a lady's death, says the "Lancet."

Abergavenny Town Council have resolved to offer the freedom of the borough to the Lord Mayor of London. At present the only freemen of the borough are the Marquis of Abergavenny and Lord Roberts.

Hackenschmidt and Madrali are both appearing this week at the Manchester Hippodrome.

Sir Mortimer Durand, British Ambassador to the United States, will sail on April 28 for a short visit to England.

Over £2,000 surplus derived from the St. Pancras Cemetery at Finchley is to be applied to the reduction of rates.

Mr. Mingay, of Bridge-of-Weir, has invented a golf ball with a liquid core, which is about to be put on the market.

At Sotheby's yesterday £152 was paid by Mr. Sabin for the manuscript of Burns's famous song "To Mary in Heaven."

One hundred and three valuable volumes have been presented by the British Museum to the Heston and Isleworth Free Library.

At the Women's Institute, Victoria-street, S.W., a meeting will be held to-day at which "Women's Work in Other Countries" will be discussed.

The underground telegraph cable from St. Martin's-le-Grand to Glasgow, which is now complete, will be ready for public service within two or three weeks.

The owners and licencees of public-houses in St. Helens are this week conferring with the local magistrates as to lessening intemperance amongst women residents.

Some underwriters have paid 5s. per cent. to cover the risk of vessels in which they are interested being damaged by the steamer Dunmore, now adrift in the Atlantic.

Putney Rifle Club are asking the Wandsworth Borough Council to support their petition to the L.C.C. for the erection of an open-air rifle range at Wandsworth Park.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1906.

## WHY ROCKEFELLER IS RICH

OF all the forms which fraud takes there is none more contemptible or better deserving of the heaviest punishment than the fleecing of those who have insured their lives.

Such fraud literally robs widows and orphans, for it is to benefit wives and children that nine out of ten men take out their insurances.

Nothing can be more pitiful than to think of the state of mind of such a man when he learns that he has trusted his annual payments to a company unworthy of confidence.

For years and years very likely he has scraped and pinched to pay regularly. It has been a struggle, but he has nerved himself to it, buoyed up by the reflection that his dear ones will be saved from want when he can no longer protect them.

No thought of the possibility of the investment being unsound has ever entered his head. He regards insurance companies as part of the natural order of the universe.

When he first hears a rumour that his company is in difficulties, he laughs. Utterly impossible! Gradually, however, he is forced to suspect that all may not be well. When the certainty is pressed home to his bewildered brain, the bottom seems to have fallen out of the universe.

All his payments, made with so much difficulty, of no avail! All his comfort in the thought that wife and little ones were beyond reach of the grim wolf, Poverty, shattered! All his belief in men's honour and honesty turned to hatred and bitter doubt. He views the world of business as a pit of ravening wolves.

In America that is very much what it is. The richest men in America have made their money by robbing widows and orphans. The history of John D. Rockefeller, a name that will shudder down the pages of history like the names of Nero and of Judas Iscariot, is one long record of shame.

(We at least call it shame. In America they refer to it as good business.)

There are many more quite as wicked as Rockefeller—perhaps worse. He has to bear the brunt of the world's detestation. Upon him rests probably the odium of cruelties and crimes planned and executed by others of the gang. They have managed to keep their villainies more quiet.

It is to these cowardly successors of the footpad and the highwayman (who at least robbed openly and risked their necks) that the insurance crash in America is due. During the past year three companies, always regarded as trustworthy, have been found to have been looted in a wholesale way.

It is in order to prevent English savings from being at the mercy of the dollar-manics of the American Trusts that Lord Onslow proposed yesterday in the House of Lords that all foreign insurance companies doing business here should be compelled to keep assets in this country to meet their English policy-holders' claims.

This is a step we certainly ought to take at once. There is a law to that effect in force in the United States (where much of the respectable fire insurance business is in the hands of English companies) and also in Germany.

H. H. F.

### A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Always laugh when you can; it is a cheap medicine. Merriment is a philosophy not well understood.—Bryce.

## THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

ONE of the most important marriages from the social point of view that have taken place for many weeks is to be celebrated to-morrow between Lady Hermione Graham, the youngest of the two sisters of the Marquis of Graham, who is at present contesting the Eye Division of Suffolk for the Unionists, and the Cameron of Lochiel, to give him the full title of his clan. Lady Hermione is, of course, the daughter of the Duke of Montrose, and she is named after her mother, who was married to the Duke in 1876.

The present Duke's mother was the famous racing Duchess, who was immensely popular with all who cared for the sport. She managed to combine this fondness for the Turf, however, with the real intelligence, tact, and discernment that won her the friendship of such men as Gladstone. Lord Randolph Churchill, too, was often at her house, and Gladstone dined there on the night when the

ready, you had better meet me at the hotel." So he went off, and returned, duly chastened, in time for the later train.

A collected edition of the novels of Mr. Henry James is very soon to be published, and one hears, not without a certain amount of consternation, that he is engaged in revising the whole series of them. Authors ought really to be persuaded to adopt Plutarch's maxim, and to leave what they have once written alone, simply because the man who revises sees everything so differently from the man who wrote, and an author going over his early work is often like the putting of new wine into old bottles, the patching up of his old style by a style that has long ago replaced it.

Thus Tennyson half-spoiled many of his poems. He got away from the mood in which he had written them: returned with a new mood; so marred the sentimental unity of the poem. Thus also Fitzgerald spent his time tinkering at his beautiful "Omar," so that now the reader has to choose

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

### "DOUBLE THE TAX ON DOGS."

Your correspondent, H. A. Sherburn, deserves the thanks of every sane person in calling attention to the terrible redundancy of dogs. The nuisance has passed all bounds. Dogs have become sacred, and to object to their presence is to make a lifelong enemy of the owner. I protest that dogs are filthy in their habits, noisy, and dangerous. TREBLE THE TAX. Brighton.

H. A. Sherburn is evidently not a friend to the canine race, and has a keen regard for the "furtherance of self."

He appears, whilst urging the non-importance to the wealthy of a double tax, to count of no importance the result of such an increased levy on a certain class who have an equal, and frequently even greater, affection for their canine companions than the rich, and even with the pinch of hunger will give to—and find satisfaction in the giving—their four-footed friend the last morsel. Bayswater. WOODROFFE HILL, F.R.C.V.S.

### THE DIVORCED WIFE'S SISTER.

The Prayer-book simply says: "A man may not marry his (16) sister, (17) wife's sister, (18) brother's wife." Sixteen is sister by kindred, 17 and 18 are sister by affinity or law. The affinity of 17 is dissolved neither by death nor by divorce. Ergo, a man may not marry his divorced wife's sister.

Why marriage with 17 should be the subject of an annual Bill while 18 is left out, and why there should be no contra-agitation by women for marriage with (17) their husband's brother, may form a question for other correspondents of your widely-circulated journal. VERAX. Islington, N.

### THE RAGGING CASE.

With mingled feelings of horror and disgust I read your account of the "ragging" of Lieutenant Clark-Kennedy, of the Scots Guards, at Aldershot. I think it is a pity some severe punishment cannot be meted out to these rascals who profess to be gentlemen, and such revolting behaviour stamped out.

I only wonder what would be done with the rank and file under similar circumstances! South Kensington. H. YOUNG.

### USELESS DANGER SIGNALS.

I should like to know why 75 per cent. of the danger posts erected in Middlesex are placed in front of the street lamps (looking towards the danger point) so that they cannot be seen after dusk, when there is no sun to cast shadows of forthcoming events on cross roads, etc. Lakefield-road, Wood Green. F. W. M.

### IS MEAT A NECESSARY FOOD?

"Lex et lux" is mistaken. There are only thirty-one verses in Genesis I., and verses 29 and 30 are dead against him. Since they say, "I have given you every herb-bearing seed." To you it shall be for meat and to every beast of the earth, etc." Quite a text for the vegetarians, of whom I am NOT ONE.

## A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Prince von Buelow.

ACCORDING to the rumours flying about in the diplomatic atmosphere, Prince von Buelow is about to resign his position as Chancellor of the German Empire. If this be true another pilot has been shipped from the German vessel by that captain whom so few contrive to please for very long.

Yet it was only last year that Count von Buelow was raised to the rank of Prince, and this was looked upon as an extraordinary sign of the favour of his master. As a matter of fact, the title had been offered earlier, just as Buelow had successfully concluded his commercial treaties. He refused it then because he did not consider himself rich enough to maintain the princely rank.

But, shortly afterwards, one of his Hamburg relatives died, leaving him £250,000. So, at a convenient opportunity, he was offered the honour again, and this time was able to accept it. The opportunity was the close of the first period of those negotiations that led up to the Morocco Conference, and with Buelow's elevation came the fall of Delcasse. He was triumphant then, but the favour of Princes is proverbially unstable, and it seems that his triumph has been short.

### IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 27.—Many gardens are a great deal too flat looking. I do not mean that the ground is level, but that the borders often lack tall-growing plants.

A post, about 7ft. high, or a dead tree-stump, covered with a climbing rose, a clematis, or a honeysuckle, produces a very beautiful effect. And every garden should contain some of the noble double and single hollyhocks, the colours of which range from white to pink, crimson, and yellow.

Then there are the enormous yellow mullins, the showy golden rods, the arkspurs, annual sunflowers, and the indispensable chrysanthemum uliginosum. If space permits, the tallest rudbeckias, centaureas, and the gigantic "cow parsley" may be grown. E. F. T.

## "WHY DON'T YOU CATCH THE RATS, UNCLE SAM?"



In the House of Lords yesterday reference was made to the American Insurance scandals.—See leading article.

terrible news of Gordon's death reached London. He arrived late; the guests had begun to speculate as to whether he would come at all; but come he did, and concealed the anxiety he must have felt with his bright and amusing talk.

Caroline, Duchess of Montrose, raced under the name of "Mr. Mantion." She inherited a fine stud from her second husband, Mr. Stirling-Crawford, and it was considered very "sporting" of her not to give it up. In everything she was, in fact, "a gentleman," as "John Oliver Hobbes" calls one of her characters. Typical of her charming nonchalance, which had a good sense of humour mingled with it, was her treatment of her son, the present Duke, on a certain celebrated day at Eton.

They were waiting on the platform together, about to go to town for "long leave." The Duchess walked away from him for a moment to buy papers, and he, being like all boys, quite unable to keep still for a single second, improved the slow moments by throwing stones at a railway truck. At this occupation he was caught by one of the masters, who told him that he must be birched. "But I am going to town with my mother." The master went up to the Duchess and told her. "Dear me!" was all she said, "must he really go with you? How very inconvenient. Well, I see there is another train at four. We will take that." Douglas, dear, when you are quite

distracted between four separate versions; or pick out, from each one of them, the verse or the phrase preferred. It is really safer to follow Mr. Swinburne's plan, who, in his collected edition, has altered, I think, hardly a word or a verse of all his earlier writings.

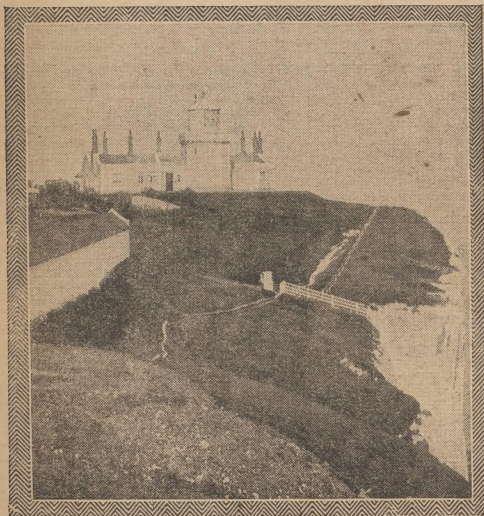
But with Mr. Henry James the problem of revision becomes more difficult than it could have been to the others, since he has, in process of time, evolved an elaborate and Byzantine style, adapted to subtleties, or, if you like, to trivialities, of sentiment; a style all guarded with reservations, explanations, with constant hoverings round single points. Yet his first style—the style of "Daisy Miller" or "The American"—was perfectly normal, even lacked individuality, was even a little commonplace. Is Mr. James, then, going to overlay the homely old design by the extraordinary arabesque of his later manner?

Lord Henage is to preside at the dinner to be given to Lord Carrington by the National Sea Fisheries Protection Association, at the Fishmongers' Hall, to-night. What has Lord Henage, you may ask, to do with fish? Well, he is High Steward of the great fishing port of Grimsby, a town with which his family have been connected for centuries. Before he was raised to the peerage, too, in 1886, he had spoken, whenever occasion required, on behalf of the fishermen of Grimsby.



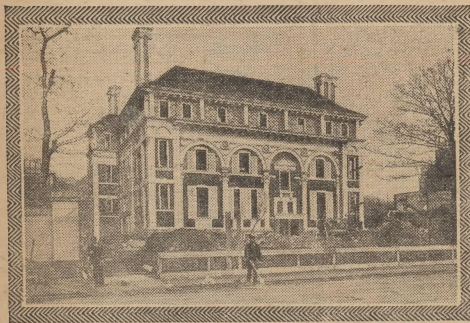
# NEWS VIEWS

## LIGHTHOUSE IN DANGER.



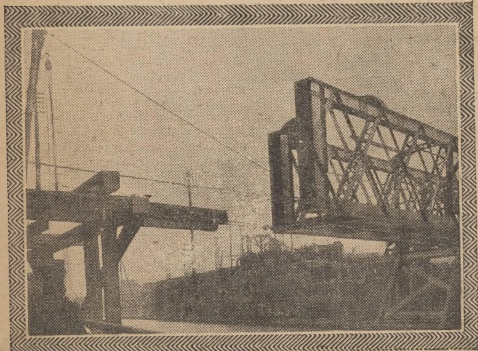
Examination of the cliff by the South Foreland Lighthouse shows that a tremendous fall of cliff is imminent. At least two million tons of cliff are expected to fall.

## HOUSE OF MANY COLOURS.



Having an emerald-green roof, a sapphire frieze, and peacock-blue walls, all of glazed tiles, Mr. E. R. Debenham, the well-known draper, has built this veritable Italian palace in Addison-road, Kensington.

## READY-MADE BRIDGE AT SMETHWICK.



Built by the side of the canal and weighing 250 tons and 166ft. long, this iron bridge is being drawn into position by wire cables at Smethwick.

## No. 43.—AMATEURS' COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photographs to the *Daily Mirror*. For each one used 10s. 6d. will be paid, and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the picture adjudged by the Editor to be the best. No. 43, sent by Mr. John H. Pett, 10, Beatrice-avenue, Plymouth, shows Princess Patricia of Connaught in South Africa on a visit to Sanna's Post battlefield.

## LADY MASTER OF HOUNDS.



Mrs. Walter Cheesman, Master of the Crowhurst (Sussex) Otter Hounds, and the only lady master of otter hounds in the kingdom, opens her third season next Monday.

## YOUTHFUL INVENTOR.



Mlle. Ernesta de Lusi, of Brussels, not yet fifteen years old, who has invented a variable platform to facilitate unloading goods in a narrow space.

# RUSSIAN FIRE REVOLUTIONARY



Striking photograph of an execution of revolutionary Russian peasants, prior named Zjemchooshnikoff, who owned 7,000 dessiatins of land, police and a sotnia of Cossacks, and in the grey dawn of a winter morning down in cold blood.—(F)

## SCENE FROM "THE SCHOOL FOR HUSBANDS."



Miss Jessie Millward as Lady Manners: "My lord, I thank you." Mr. women are rare jewels, as this world goes." Photographed during Act II. Theatre.—(F)



# PARTY SHOOT PEASANTS.



Baltic provinces. They had burned the house of a wealthy pro-  
tected for his oppressive treatment. Retribution came with a force of  
number of the peasants were driven like sheep into a wood and shot  
of the "Sphere.")

## THE NEW PLAY AT THE SCALA THEATRE.



Persival as Lord Foppington: "Madame, I kiss your hand. Good  
beautiful costume play, "The School for Husbands," at the Scala  
Banfield.)

## CAMBRIDGE'S MASCOT PUP.



Mr. R. V. Powell, president of the  
Cambridge Boat Club, has brought his  
pup to Putney as a mascot. Great in-  
terest is being taken in the perform-  
ances of the Cambridge crew by  
reason of their egg-diet, which has  
aroused considerable discussion in the  
Press.



Watching the Cambridge crew prepar-  
ing for a start.



Cambridge cox and stroke listening to  
instructions from Mr. Muttelbury.  
Photograph taken from the launch.

# CAMERAGRAPHS

## VIEWING NELSON'S TOMB.



Japanese sailors leaving St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday after view-  
ing Nelson's tomb, for which, as the "English of the East," they  
show the greatest reverence.

## KINGSTON'S DANGEROUS TRAMWAYS.



Yesterday at Thames Ditton two cars on the Kingston service  
came into collision, but fortunately the car seen in the photo-  
graph nearly toppling over kept the rails.

## SELLING THE WORLD'S BIGGEST CARPET.



Snapshot at Olympia during the sale of the big carpet made, at a  
cost of £5,000, to cover the whole of the vast arena, big enough for  
a football ground, and sold for £180.



# By Right of Love.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

## CHAPTER XXXV.

"My dear Susan, what is the matter? Have you and Paul been quarrelling like foolish children?" The hunchback girl put on an air of easy patronage, but there was a note of indescribable mockery in her voice.

Her sister's manner grated horribly on Susan, and she sprang to her feet dabbling at her wet eyes with a lace-edged handkerchief, full of a wild desire that Flora should not guess the truth.

"Good gracious, Flora, how you startled me!" she exclaimed. "You steal into a room like a cat. No, Paul and I have not been quarrelling," she darted an appealing look at her husband, as though to entreat him not to deny her words. "I am upset, and I've certainly been shedding a few tears," she went on. "Do you think it is pleasant for me to feel that father has been inviting himself down here this Christmas to beg money from my husband? Do you imagine I've no pride of my own?"

She swept out of the room as she spoke, the train of her long velvet robe trailing after her, and her exit, as Chester had to admit to himself, was not without a certain dignity. She had certainly succeeded in turning the tables on Flora's impertinent curiosity. But she had put both her sister and herself in an awkward and painful position, and he felt sorry for the cripple girl.

"I am sorry, Flora," he said gently, "that Susan should have made such an unkind reference to your father. It is a great pleasure to me to be able to help Lord Amplett in any way. I feel awfully sorry for him. It is a dreadful tax on a man—if people would only believe it—to have an empty title and little money to back it up."

"Of course it is," Flora returned slowly. "There is no more pitiful person on the face of this earth than an aristocratic pauper—the man whose world refuses to allow him to dig for his daily bread, yet expects him to provide for himself and his family on nothing a year. Oh, I think Susan is very hard on poor father; but she has grown hard on everybody lately, hasn't she?"

She glanced at Chester with appealing eyes, and sighed plaintively.

"Yes, a curious change has come over Susan," Chester concurred, "and within the last two or three months. I can't make her out," he added, "or imagine what the trouble can be. She has grown cold, unsympathetic, and bitter, and seems to have lost all natural affection—even for her own people. She wasn't a bit pleased when she heard you were all coming here for Christmas," he continued, "but frowned, and said she supposed she had better ask Robert as well, and then she shut out a hint that he and Milly were fond of each other."

Chester shuffled some papers restlessly as he spoke. He was not sorry of having an opportunity of discussing his wife with one of her family.

"Milly?" exclaimed Flora; then she gave a wicked little laugh. "Bob doesn't care a snap of his fingers for Millicent," she went on, "and Susan knows that as well as I do. I'm afraid she was trying to throw dust in your eyes, Paul, and I think it a wicked shame."

She spoke with slow deliberation, studying and weighing each word in her mind.

"What do you mean?" Chester started a little as he asked the question, and his face changed colour. He surveyed the cripple with frowning brows.

Flora cast down her eyes; her long fair lashes shone like threads of silver in the firelight.

"Oh, Paul, you look so stern, you frighten me," she murmured. Then she glanced up, and her eyes looked infinitely cunning for the second—curiously cruel and wicked.

"Don't you know," she continued, "that Robert was tremendously in love with Sue before he came into the title and developed into an eligible parti. But, of course, in those days he was quite poor, and it would have been fatal for Susan to have married him. Father was furious when he heard that they were fond of each other."

"Fond of each other?" thundered Chester. He strode up to Flora, and stood directly in front of her. "Answer me truthfully," he went on. "Was Susan ever in love with this precious cousin of hers, honestly in love?"

"I suppose so, at the time," murmured Flora. She had turned very pale. "But it all happened before Susan met you," she went on, hurriedly, "and is quite forgotten."

"It all happened before Susan met me," Chester repeated. Then a curious expression flitted over his face. "Oh, I see. I understand everything now," he exclaimed. "Poor Susan loved her cousin, but was forced to marry me; and then—oh, the irony of it, the pitiless irony." His shoulders heaved and he laughed hoarsely. "No sooner is Susan tied down by the bonds of holy matrimony, fettered for the rest of her life, than the man she really cares for comes into a fine inheritance. But, of course, she isn't free to marry him."

He strode up and down the room, taking big, masterful strides.

Lady Flora watched him anxiously.

"I don't suppose Susan cares for Bob now," she said.

whispered. "We all know how devoted you are to each other—you and Sue."

"Devoted?" He turned on her fiercely. "That's a lie, Flora, and you know it. We are a semi-detached couple. A man and wife as apart as if the two poles stretched between them."

"Oh, Paul, you don't mean it?" Flora caught his big hand with her little fingers and pressed it tightly. "I always thought you were happy with Susan," she went on ingenuously. "That was my great comfort—to think that."

"Happy? How could I be happy?" he muttered. "For I found out the true state of affairs for myself during the first few days of our honeymoon. Discovered almost directly that my wife didn't love me, but was only feigning affection. Heavens, I changed that state of things pretty soon. At least, I can put that down to my credit. I didn't hold poor Susan to her bond; I gave her all the freedom I could."

"Never mind Susan," interrupted Flora. Her voice had a strange thrill in it—her eyes were baneful and evil. "It is you I'm thinking about—you. Oh, Paul"—she drooped her head—"do you remember that terrible—that shameful hour when I thought that you cared for me instead of for Susan. You took me into your confidence, if you remember, and you said you wanted to marry. You asked if I thought you had any chance. I—I imagined you were speaking of me, and so betrayed myself and my poor heart before I learnt my mistake."

"Hush," murmured the man. "Forget that unhappy incident as I have forgotten it, dear Flora. It was all my fault, I expect."

"No, perhaps I wasn't to blame," repeated Flora, a steely glitter coming into her eyes, and a somewhat cruel smile parting her lips. "But have you forgotten something I said to you then—something about Susan? How I told you that she would never make you happy. That you would be wretched if you married her?"

She spoke in a slow, sinister whisper.

Chester sighed moodily. "I believe you did say something of the sort," he returned; "but I cannot say that I paid much heed to your words then. I was a fool, of course, a consummate ass; but I believed that Susan really cared for me, and that we were going to be the happiest couple in the world."

"And now—you are not happy?" She asked the question eagerly, pantingly.

She gazed at him, her face sharp and intent, her eyes hungry.

"I know Susan will never be any real help to you," she continued. "Besides, she is fond of Bob. Oh, in a perfectly moral fashion, for Sue is the sort of immaculate person who would never do anything wrong."

"I suppose she thought she was getting too fond of him, and that's why she packed him off so hurriedly yesterday," he said.

Flora was speaking in quick, broken sentences, undeterred by Chester's frown.

"Oh, Paul," she went on, her voice no more than a low wail, "let me be your sister soul, your comrade, your friend! Ask Susan to invite me to stay with your hopes, I, who would gladly be your handmaid, your slave."

She sank on her knees at his feet, and it was terrible to see the hunchback girl at the moment. She had lost every vestige of womanly pride, of maidenly dignity.

"I know I am crippled and deformed," she continued, "and that there is nothing in me that can appeal to the man in you—to your passion. But couldn't I be soul of your soul—heart of your heart?"

Chester shrank back—appalled, horrified. Flora was loathsome to him for the moment. He contrasted her in his thought with Henrietta—Henrietta, whose proud place in his affections she was trying to take; and he could have laughed at the contrast the two women presented had not the whole affair been so pitiful, so sad.

A goddess and a little hunchback; a queen and a dwarfish slave!

"Flora"—his voice was sharp and imperative—"you are making a ridiculous scene. I am fond of you as my sister-in-law, and I am sorry for you, but there every ending."

He walked out of the room, thinking that that was the best thing he could do under the circumstances, and trusting that the girl would gain back some of her lost self-control as soon as he had gone.

Flora, when she found herself alone, raised her little hand to her mouth, and bit at the white flesh savagely.

"It's the Duchess—that woman—I hate now," she muttered, "not Susan. Susan's to be pitied, like me."

A quiver passed over her thin body, and she struck herself sharply and cruelly upon the breast.

"To be a woman, with a woman's passions, a woman's heart," she muttered, "and to know that no mate will ever come—oh, the cruelty of things—the cruelty!"

She clenched her hands tightly, fiercely, together.

"I only asked him to love me as a sister," she muttered, "in no warmer way. Does the Duchess want everything of her lover—body, soul, and spirit?"

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## THE MONEY MARKET.

Hopes That the American Coal Strike May Be Averted.

### RISE IN COPPER.

CAPEL COURT, Tuesday Evening.—The easy tendency of the money market, considering that it is the end of March, is put down to the expectation that the Government will be disbursing heavily very shortly. So money rates rule light, and with the bankers in a less exacting mood Consols would improve further were it not for the nearness of the carry-over. As it is, they have lost their early rise. Gilt-edged stocks as a whole were, in fact, fairly firm. Consols closed 90½, or unchanged.

Last week the weather conditions were not exactly brilliant. So it is not surprising to find that the passenger lines did badly in the way of traffic. To the poor Brighton showing yesterday there is now added the South-Eastern and Chatham decrease of £2,249. It did not seem to have much adverse effect upon Dover "A."

The Central London showed a small increase, so that perhaps omnibus passengers have been driven underground by the north-east winds. But the Metropolitan has done badly, so perhaps there is not much in the argument. Taking Home Rails as a whole the market looked better. They put up the Scottish stocks, for instance, after their long spell of depression.

### GREAT EASTERN ACQUISITION.

Great Northern Deferred was put up because the London Power Bill, instead of being summarily rejected in Parliament, is referred to the parliamentary committee, and it is thought to be a good point for the Great Northern. The Great Eastern had a small traffic increase of £300. The parliamentary committee has approved the Bill whereby the Great Central acquires the "Dukeries" route.

People think now that the big American coal strike may be averted. So they make the most of it by putting up American Rails, and where they can find a good point, such as the excellent Atchison statement for February, the movement upwards has been sharpish. But it was not maintained to the finish.

### CANADIAN RAILS CHEERFUL.

Canadian Rails are fairly cheerful, for the predictions about the February statement for the Grand Trunk, due on Thursday, are sanguine. On the whole, Foreign Rails are not particularly exciting. The fact is that the great rise in working expenses in Argentina, as shown by the B.A. Western report, has done something to damp the speculative element, and general business is so slack everywhere that the speculator is not much encouraged to look for fresh fields of operations.

There has been another sharp rise in copper shares, and small wonder, seeing that the metal has bounced up £2 a ton to £84 5s. Copper is at starvation point, and it is interesting to watch the metal market, and from its strong tendency the duffers in copper shares seem to take heart. There is not much consideration of averaging returns over a period of years when people are in this mood.

Until something more definite is known about the Morocco Conference the Foreign market will be stagnant, and the best that could be said for it again was that most of the Paris favourites were quite reasonably steady. There was a sharpish rise in Peruvians at one time, after the heavy fall yesterday. But most of the movement was lost later.

### KAFFIRS QUITE HOPELESS.

The prospects of the nitrate combination being continued are eagerly canvassed, but the conference of producers seems to have been adjourned for a day or two, and so the nitrate share market is a little uncertain.

Kaffirs are hopeless. Not that they fell to-day, for the great majority of them scarcely moved all day. Chartered and the Banket group closed firm. But there was nothing doing, and while the uncertainty continues as to the future of the Rand, and the question of an adequate labour supply is unsolved, the public keep aloof. For weeks together many dealers could show an absolutely empty book as regards dealings, and if this state of things continued a good many small firms will have to "put up the shutters." Premier Diamonds were flat on fears about the mine at depth. Some of the share-pushers seem busy with rubbish in the other markets. For instance, Myall and Peak Hills have been hoisted to 8s.

### "IN MEMORY OF MADAME BELLE COLE."

In full view of passers-by in the Brompton-road, a mason is at work in a small shop upon the headstone for the grave of Madame Belle Cole.

The epitaph which is being chiselled upon the marble reads: "Madame Belle Cole, wife of John Calvin Cole. Died January 5, 1905. She lived her life for others." Then follows the first verse of "Genevieve," a song which the famous singer had made peculiarly her own.

## NELSON MEDALS FOR JAPANESE SAILORS.



On their visit to the Sailors' Palace, near the docks, the officers and men of the Japanese navy were presented with a Nelson medal and a Victory charm by Lady Dimesdale. Mr. T. Kamiya (whose Japanese signature is inset) is photographed wearing the medal (on the left), and the charm attached to a piece of cord.

## SOUTHPORT'S GRAVE DANGER.

Popular Resort May Soon Become a Mere Inland Town.

### WHAT "SOCIETY" THINKS.

There is one sure way of vexing a resident of Southport, and that is to ask innocently: "But where is the sea?" The question vexes him for two reasons—because he knows that it is quite a natural and just one, and because he has heard it so often.

Southport, in fact, is a seaside town with no sea worth mentioning, and it is easy to understand that this fact is a perpetual source of irritation to those who live there. So that the inevitable question of the visitor when he first takes a stroll on the "front," and sees only a faint glimmer of water on the sky-line, brings a reply which surprises him in its irritation and vehemence.

But Southport has fought hard against the handicap which Nature has placed on it. Southport has applied the principle of Mahomet and the mountain. It possesses an immense pier, which is probably the longest in the country. Down this a tramway runs. Passengers pay their fare of 2d. and are whisked off to see the sea. From the end of the pier, too, a professional diver often takes a header into the water.

Southport has also two "marine lakes," banked up with timent, on the broad foreshore. Here people may swim and boat and sail yachts without any of the dangers which often attend such pastimes on broader waters. On rare occasions—in very stormy weather—the sea has been known to wash over the marine lakes. Southport talks about such an event as this.

### TO REMOVE A SANDBANK.

But the case of Southport, which has long been unenviable, is now, it seems, critical. At a meeting of the Southport Chamber of Commerce on Monday it was said that "Southport is in danger of ceasing to be a watering-place at all. It will be an inland town as far from deep water as it is from Scarborough."

The trouble is all due to the silting up of the channels in front of the town because of the scour of the River Ribble. Already a sandbank has been formed across the Bog Hole Channel opposite the Palace Hotel. A little more, and the one channel which gallantly brings water to Southport will be filled up for ever.

At the meeting it was said that the only way to preserve Southport as a seaside town would be to cut a new channel into the Bog Hole, at a cost of £22,000. The corporation has decided to look into this at once.

But there is one class in Southport which would be quite willing to see the last channel silted up. This is the "society" of the town which lives in many handsome villas at the Birkdale end. The cry of those who live in the villas is "Save us from the day-tripper." The sea at Blackpool, they say, takes him there in thousands. Therefore, in order to be without the day-tripper they are quite willing to be without the sea.

But the Southport shopkeeper thinks differently.

## STRIKE EPIDEMIC.

Why the Motor-Omnibus Conflict is Likely Soon To Collapse.

The strike epidemic is spreading rapidly. Some of the places which are more or less affected are:—

- Indianapolis—400,000 miners.
- South Prussia—40,000 miners.
- Paris—200 gardeners.
- Cannes—200 tramway employees.
- London—30 motor-omnibus employees.

The London strike is among the men employed by the London and Suburban Omnibus Company, and their grievance is that the company has now decided to pay so much a journey, instead of a fixed weekly wage.

This decision is the outcome of the waste of time made by the drivers and conductors. The men's grievance is, to some extent, imaginary, as if the fifteen stipulated journeys are made 10s. 7½d. and 6s. can be earned daily by the drivers and conductors respectively, whereas they were formerly paid 10s. and 6s.

The *Daily Mirror* learned yesterday that most of the motor-omnibus companies have adopted the plan of paying by the journey, and, in the majority of cases, it has answered satisfactorily.

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As all the companies are inundated with applications for posts as drivers and conductors, the strike is likely to be a short-lived one.

### KINGSBURY'S "COUNCIL OF TWO."

Quaint Proceedings of Rural Governing Body Which Tried Ratepayers' Patience.

The "comic opera council," from whose misgovernment the ratepayers of Kingsbury, in Middlesex, have petitioned the Middlesex County Council to be freed, hold their monthly meeting to-night, and it is likely that further extraordinary scenes will take place.

The trouble which has culminated in the unusual action of the unfortunate Kingsbury ratepayers became acute last May, when a Mr. Diaz, a Spanish subject, who then occupied the position of chairman of the council, suddenly resigned, together with two other members—a local publican and a local blacksmith—his ardent supporters.

A fourth member, although not resigning, failed to attend any of the council meetings, thus leaving but two to carry on the business of the district. According to the council's standing orders, three members were necessary to form a quorum, and for a time no work whatever could be carried out. It was a complete deadlock. No cheques could be drawn, and the formalities for the proclaiming of an election to fill the vacant seats could not be gone through.

Upon being applied to by one of the two remaining members of the council, the Local Government Board pointed out that, despite the standing orders, legally one-third of the members was sufficient to form a quorum. Consequently the faithful two proceeded with the business.

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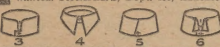
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